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KS Legislative Scorecard 2025

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional ? Did not Vote

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1. **SB29 Public-health Authority (Passed 86 to 38 on 4/10/2025).** Curtails the power of Kansas health officials to impose quarantines, ban gatherings, or penalize individuals, while providing legal recourse for employees discriminated against over quarantine compliance or vaccination status. **YES** ★

2. **SB5 Prohibiting Federal Funds for Elections (Passed 87 to 37 on 4/10/2025).** Prohibits state and local officials from using federal funds for elections or election-related activities. **YES** ★

3. **HCR5001 Con-Con: Term Limits (Passed 81 to 43 on 3/19/2025).** Applies to Congress for an Article V constitutional convention for the specific purpose of proposing a constitutional amendment that would impose term limits on members of Congress. **YES** ✗

4. **SB6 Prohibiting Ranked-choice Voting (Passed 86 to 37 on 3/13/2025).** Bans the use of ranked-choice voting (RCV) in Kansas elections. **YES** ★

5. **HB2101 Prohibiting Guaranteed-income Programs (Passed 86 to 37 on 2/20/2025).** Prohibits cities and counties in Kansas from creating or running "guaranteed income" programs using tax revenue. **YES** ★

6. **SB63 Banning Sex Changes for Minors (Passed 84 to 35 on 2/18/2025).** Bans gender-transition procedures for minors, bars state support or insurance coverage, punishes violators, and requires current treatments to end by 2025. **YES** ★

Scorecard Votes: 83%



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Why do these votes matter?

1. Public-health Authority

SB29 curtails the power of health officials by removing their authority to order or enforce isolation, quarantine, or gathering bans, while giving employees fired over quarantine compliance or vaccination status a right to sue.

The Kansas State House of Representatives passed SB29 on April 10, 2025 by a vote of 86 to 38. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because by revoking the sweeping authority of unelected health bureaucrats, it reinforces the principle of separation of powers that the Founders deemed essential to preventing tyranny. Public-health mandates violate the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness articulated in the Declaration of Independence and secured by the Bill of Rights.

2. Prohibiting Federal Funds for Elections

SB5 prohibits state and local officials from using federal funds for elections or election-related activities unless authorized by the Legislature.

The Kansas State House of Representatives passed SB5 on April 10, 2025 by a vote of 87 to 37. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill reinforces the truth that elections are the sole responsibility of the states, not the federal government. Article I, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution states, "The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature."

3. Con-Con: Term Limits

HCR5001 applies to Congress for an Article V constitutional convention for the specific purpose of proposing a constitutional amendment that would impose term limits on members of Congress.

The Kansas State House of Representatives passed HCR5001 on March 19, 2025 by a vote of 81 to 43. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because efforts to call an Article V "convention of the states" are dangerous and must be opposed. Although framed as limited, a convention could become a "runaway convention" with the power to rewrite or significantly alter the U.S. Constitution—jeopardizing the very protections that limit government power. Article V was intended to correct structural defects in the Constitution, not to address the failure of elected officials to uphold their oath of office. Instead of risking a constitutional convention, states should use Article VI to enforce the Constitution as written by nullifying unconstitutional federal laws.

4. Prohibiting Ranked-choice Voting

SB6 bans the use of RCV in Kansas elections. It prohibits ranked-choice methods at the federal, state, county, and municipal levels.

The Kansas State House of Representatives passed SB6 on March 13, 2025 by a vote of 86 to 37. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because RCV undermines election integrity and the electorate's ability to choose the best candidate. By design, RCV favors moderate-to-leftist candidates who often fail to uphold the Constitution. This complex, multi-round system can result in winners who lack true plurality support, and imposes ballot-marking requirements that may pressure voters to act against their conscience.

5. Prohibiting Guaranteed-income Programs

HB2101 prohibits cities and counties in Kansas from creating or running "guaranteed income" programs using tax revenue unless the Kansas Legislature explicitly authorizes them.

The Kansas State House of Representatives passed HB2101 on February 20, 2025 by a vote of 86 to 37. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the concept of a "guaranteed income" (i.e., "universal basic income") relies on the immoral and anti-constitutional act of government-imposed theft disguised as taxation, which takes from citizens the wages they have rightfully earned. This manifestly socialist wealth-redistribution scheme violates both the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment, which were intended to protect against undue deprivation or disparagement of a person's "property" and provide "equal protection of the laws" for all Americans.

6. Banning Sex Changes for Minors

SB63 bans doctors and other providers from giving gender-transition treatments—including puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgeries—to minors under 18. It prohibits the use of state funds, facilities, or insurance coverage for such treatments; imposes disciplinary action, such as loss of license, on violators; and allows patients or parents to sue providers for damages. Liability insurance cannot cover providers in these cases, and minors already receiving treatment must discontinue by the end of 2025.

The Kansas State House of Representatives passed SB63 on February 18, 2025 by a vote of 84 to 35. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the Left has been promoting radical Marxist ideas like this for years. The indoctrination that leads people to believe that they can choose their pronouns and identify as a different gender is immoral. Scientifically and biblically, there are only two genders. Additionally, minors are not capable of giving informed consent, and should not have the ability to choose a gender that contradicts their scientific classification, causing irreversible damage.